

## Information Note<sup>1</sup>

**Event:** **Workshop on the implementation of UNSC Resolution 1540 (2004) in the Gulf Region**

**Organized by:** Fondation pour la Recherche Strategique (FRS, France) and the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR, UAE), with the support of the Government of France

**Date and Venue:** 5-6 October 2009; Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

**Participants:** *States:* France, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Norway, Oman, Russian Federation, UAE, United States, Yemen.  
*International organizations:* League of Arab States, European Union, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit (BWC-ISU), 1540 Committee experts  
*Other expertise:* Freie Universitat Berlin (Germany), Henry Stimson Center (United States), Stanley Foundation (United States).

### **1. Objectives**

- Continuing awareness-raising efforts on resolution 1540 (2004);
- Raise awareness about effective tools for accounting, securing, and physically protecting WMD-related materials;
- Provide a forum for civil and military national authorities, as well as independent experts to discuss the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

### **2. Background**

This workshop was prepared by its organizers with the assistance of the 1540 Committee experts and the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA). It was meant to follow on and complement the UNODA-organized regional workshop for Arab States held in Doha, Qatar (March 2009), which focused on border and export controls.

### **3. Highlights**

The focus of the workshop was on accounting, securing and physically protecting WMD-related materials, in line with the requirements stemming from resolution 1540 (2004). It provided an opportunity for Arab Gulf States and other participating delegations to share and collaborate on effective ways to encourage regional and inter-regional cooperation. Dialogue specifically centered on ways that relevant government agencies can secure and protect sensitive facilities and WMD materials. This workshop also provided an opportunity for continued dialogue, including assistance requests, with several countries in the region.

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#### **4. Bilateral consultations**

The 1540 Committee experts conducted dialogues with individual States, including providing the country with its 1540 matrix and discussing its content, regarding their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

#### **5. Additional comments**

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